

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and Allowance of Claims 1-20 in view of the amendments presented above and the following arguments.

35 U.S.C. §102 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Al-Kazily et al. (US Patent 6,621,589 B1).

Claims 5-7, 9-11 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Salahshour (EP 656581 A1).

35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Al-Kazily in view of Salahshour.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Salahshour in view of Ota et al. (JP 2000347827 A).

Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Salahshour in view of Al-Kazily.

Claim 19 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Salahshour in view of Ota.

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Salahshour in view of Jeyachandran (US Patent 6,567,176).

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were rejected as indicated above.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this case:

CLAIMS 1-2 AND 4 ARE NOT ANTICIPATED BY, OR OBVIOUS IN VIEW OF, THE CITED ART

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-2 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102, as being anticipated by Al-Kazily et al.. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections on the ground that Al-

Kazily et al. does not teach Applicant's invention as now claimed and, further, there is no suggestion to modify the Al-Kazily et al. device in the manner claimed. These amendments do add further limitations to the invention as claimed.

THE AL-KAZILY ET AL. PATENT

The Al-Kazily et al. patent does not teach a mobile network user accessing a global printer array linked with a communications network wherein the global printer array includes a network of commercial printer outlets as set forth in the Specification and as Applicant has amended claim 1.

CLAIM 1

In contrast to the technique of Al-Kazily et al., which is essentially a system for displaying a list of job processing attributes of a group of networked printers for selection by a fixed location end user, Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended, is directed to a mobile network user that uses a network addressable device to select a proper localized printer from a global printer array that includes a network of commercial printer outlets. In Applicant's invention, the end user is mobile and the possible printer options are selected from a global printer array of commercial printer outlets. (See, eg, page 6, lines 19-32 and page 7 lines 1-3.)

Comparing this with the system disclosed in Al-Kazily et al., it is apparent that Al-Kazily et al. does not teach or suggest such a system for enabling a mobile network user to select an appropriate printer from a global printer array including commercial printer outlets.

The Applicant therefore respectfully submits that independent claim 1, along with independent claims 5 and 11 which have been similarly amended, is not anticipated by, nor obvious over, Al-Kazily et al. and is entitled to allowance. Further, dependent claims 2-4 are allowable as well as depending from amended and allowable independent claim 1.

CLAIMS 5-7, 9-11 AND ARE LIKEWISE NOT ANTICIPATED BY, OR OBVIOUS IN VIEW OF, THE CITED ART

Independent claims 5 and 11 have been amended to include the limitations of a mobile network user accessing a global printer array including a network of commercial printer outlets as discussed above with regard to independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully

submits, for the same reasons, that claims 5-7, 9-11 and 15 are not anticipated by, nor obvious over any of the cited references and are entitled to allowance.

THE SALAHSHOUR ET AL. PATENT

The Salahshour et al. patent discloses a printer selection system whereby printer units on a network are ranked relative to each other based on proximity to a specified location on the network, relative speed in which the output of the output of the job can be printed and compatibility of printer units with the output of the job.(Abstract). The system simply automatically displays a list of the closest networked printers to a stationary end user which have the shortest waiting times and fastest completion estimates for a file to be printed. (Column 1, lines 43-48.). A mobile network enduser and a global printer array including a network of commercial printer outlets is neither disclosed nor suggested.

Applicant, therefor, respectfully submits that independent claims 5 and 11 along with dependent claims 6-10 and 12-20 are entitled to allowance.

THE OTA ET AL. PATENT

The Ota et al. patent was cited as suggesting Applicant's dependent claim limitation of determining cost expectations as set forth in dependent claims 8 and 19. Applicant has clarified these dependent claims to require the determination of delivery cost expectations. As set forth in Applicant's specification, one factor used by Applicant's mobile network enduser is the cost of a delivery service to bring the printed job from the commercial printer outlet to the mobile enduser wherever the mobile enduser may be. This feature is neither disclosed nor suggested by the Ota et al. or any of the other cited references.

Applicant, therefor, respectfully submits that dependent claims 8 and 19 are allowable for these reasons as well as for depending from allowable independent claims 5 and 11.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-20. If the Examiner should feel that any issue remains as to the allowability of these claims, or that a conference might expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant intends this to be a complete response. No additional fee is believed due; however if a fee is due, please charge deposit account number indicated on the transmittal letter.

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